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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the GADFISH Elevated Folding Spare Tire Carrier Mount. This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your new spare tire carrier. Please read these instructions carefully before use to ensure safe and efficient performance.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **150 LBS Heavy Duty & 17" Elevated Design:** Reinforced with an upgraded triangular welded structure and a sturdy rectangular back plate, this mount securely holds up to 150 Lbs. The 17-inch elevated design helps prevent the spare tire from scratching the ground or other components.
- **Wide Applicability:** Compatible with various bolt patterns including 4-lug × 4", 5-lug × 4.5"/4.75"/5", and 6-lug × 5.5" hole patterns. Suitable for boat trailers, travel trailers, and cargo trailers.
- **Folding Advantage:** Features a user-friendly foldable design that allows for easy adjustment of the angle, providing hassle-free access to the cargo area without needing to remove the spare tire.
- **Hassle-Free Installation:** Utilizes a tilted lifted structure to reduce wind resistance and minimize ground clearance. Comes with fully threaded bolts, requiring no drilling for assembly/disassembly. The steel beam height is adjustable.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Please verify that all components are present before beginning installation:

- 1 x GADFISH Elevated Folding Spare Tire Carrier Mount
- Mounting Hardware (bolts, nuts, pins)

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps for proper installation of your spare tire carrier mount:

1. **Identify Mounting Location:** The mount can be installed on the bumper or the tongue area of your trailer. Ensure the chosen location can support the weight of the spare tire and the mount.
2. **Position the Mount:** Place the carrier mount against the trailer frame. The design allows for installation on bumpers up to 3.6×6.2 inches.
3. **Secure with Bolts:** Use the provided fully threaded bolts to secure the mount to the trailer frame. No drilling is required. Tighten all nuts firmly with a wrench to ensure a stable connection.
4. **Adjust Height (Optional):** The steel beam height is adjustable to accommodate different tire sizes and trailer configurations.
5. **Mount the Spare Tire:** Align the spare tire with the mounting studs on the carrier. Secure the tire using the provided nuts. Ensure the tire is snug against the mount.

Visual Guide:



Image: The GADFISH Elevated Folding Spare Tire Carrier Mount securely installed on a trailer frame, holding a spare tire.

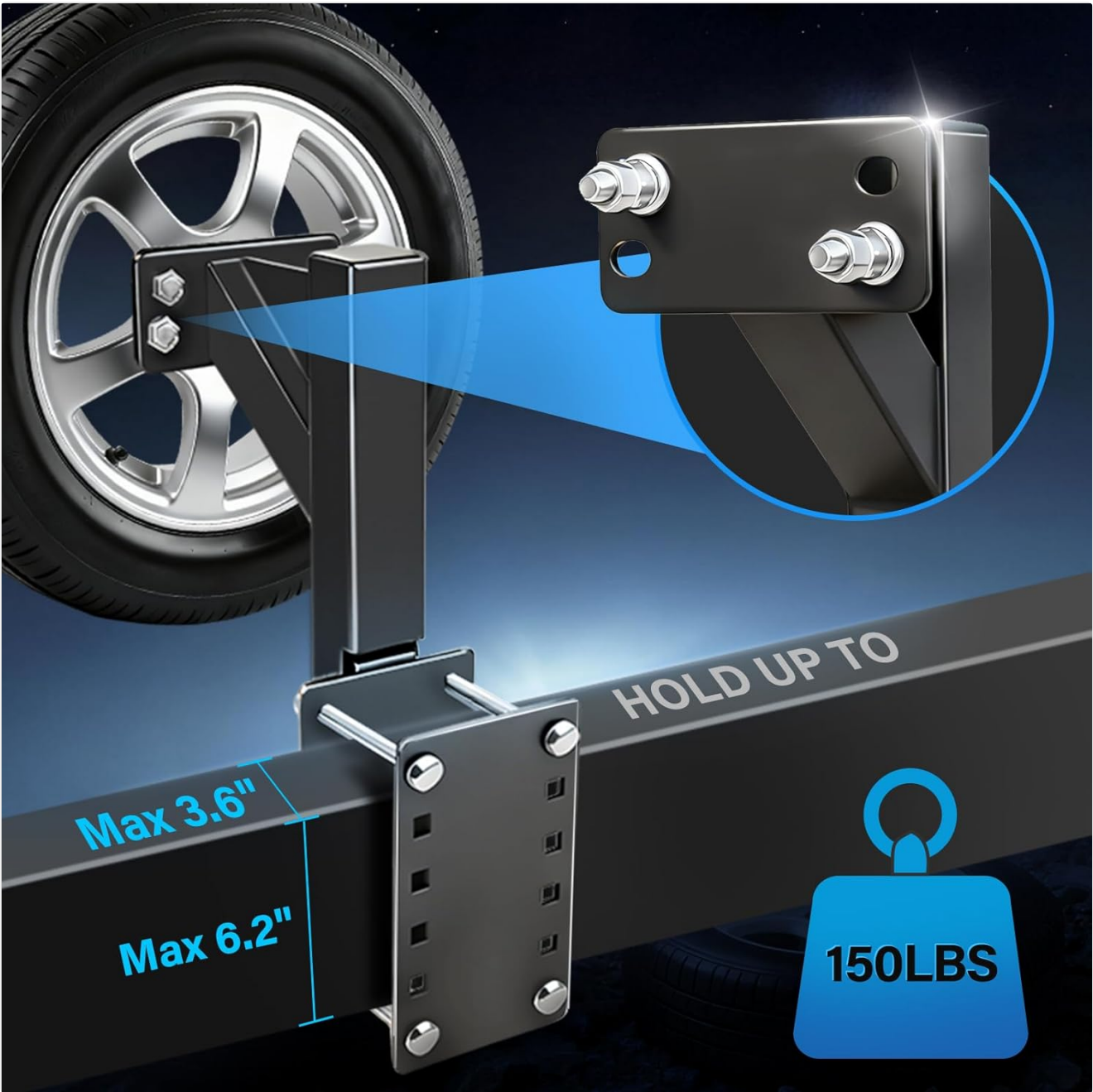


Image: A diagram illustrating the maximum bumper dimensions (Max 3.6" x Max 6.2") that the GADFISH spare tire mount can accommodate, along with its 150 LBS load capacity.

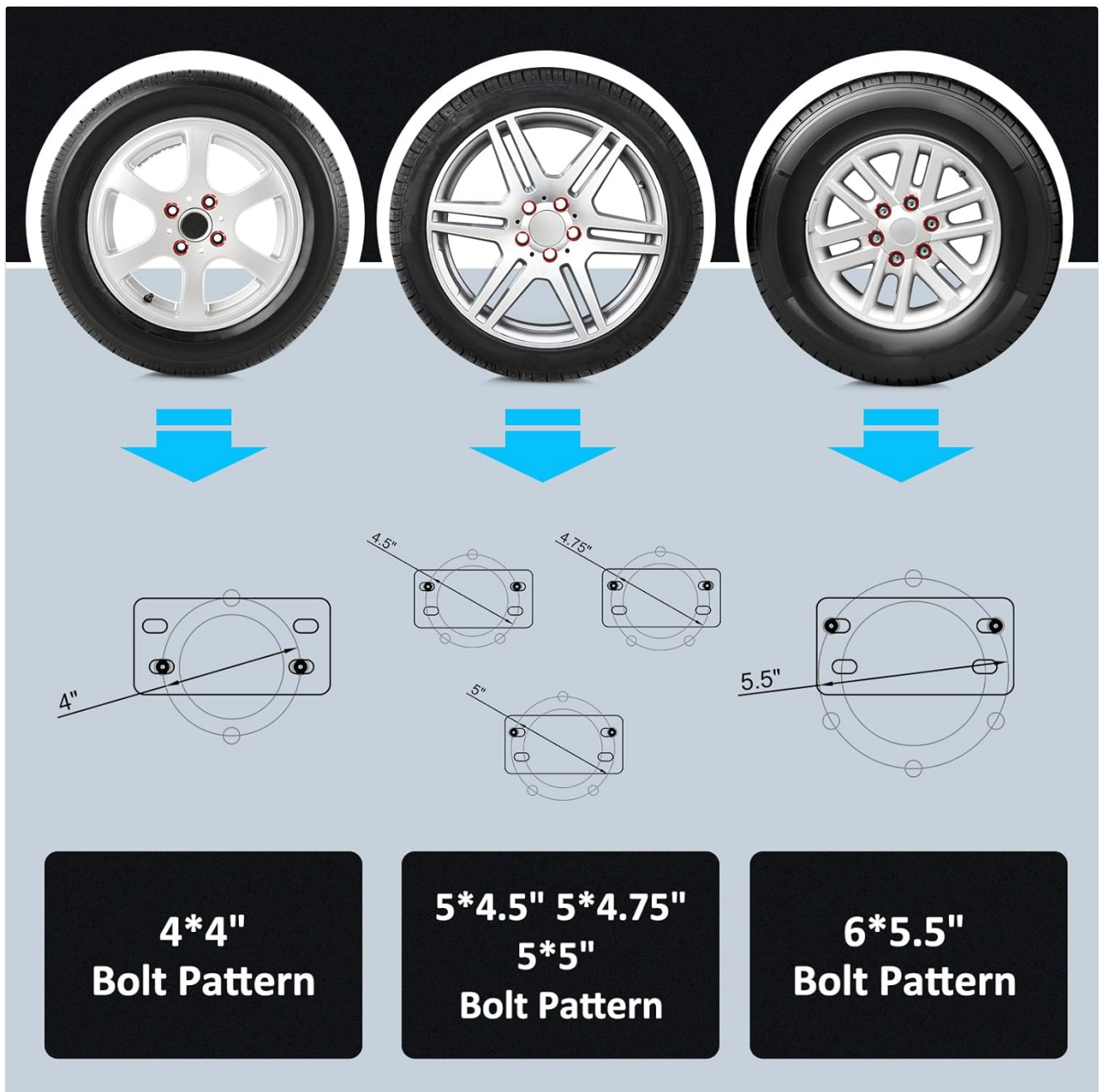


Image: A visual guide demonstrating the compatibility of the GADFISH spare tire mount with 4-lug x 4", 5-lug x 4.5"/4.75"/5", and 6-lug x 5.5" bolt patterns.

Installation Video Guide:

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Video: An official GADFISH video demonstrating the installation process and features of the Elevated Spare Tire Carrier Mount. This video shows how to mount the carrier to a trailer and highlights its elevated and folding capabilities.

5. OPERATION (FOLDING MECHANISM)

The GADFISH spare tire carrier features a convenient folding mechanism for easy access to your trailer's cargo area:

1. **To Fold Down:** Locate the quick-release pin on the mount. Remove the pin to disengage the locking mechanism. The tire carrier can then be pivoted downwards, moving the spare tire out of the way.
2. **To Secure Upright:** Once you have finished accessing your cargo, pivot the tire carrier back into its upright position. Reinsert the quick-release pin to lock the carrier securely in place.

This folding design eliminates the need to fully remove the spare tire when loading or unloading cargo.

Visual Guide:



Image: A visual representation of the GADFISH Folding Spare Tire Mount, showing both its unfolded position for use and its folded position for easy cargo access.

6. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your GADFISH spare tire carrier, regular maintenance is recommended:

- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically check all bolts, nuts, and pins for tightness. Re-tighten any loose fasteners to prevent movement and ensure stability.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the mount clean from dirt, mud, and road salt, especially after use in harsh conditions. Use a damp cloth to wipe down the surfaces.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a small amount of grease or lubricant to the pivot points of the folding mechanism and the

quick-release pin to ensure smooth operation and prevent corrosion.

- **Corrosion Check:** Inspect the metal surfaces for any signs of rust or corrosion. The mount features a powder-coated finish for durability, but touch-up paint may be applied if scratches occur.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your GADFISH Elevated Folding Spare Tire Carrier Mount, consider the following:

- **Mount feels unstable:** Ensure all mounting bolts are securely tightened. Check that the trailer frame dimensions are within the compatible range (up to 3.6" x 6.2").
- **Folding mechanism is stiff:** Apply lubricant to the pivot points and the quick-release pin. Ensure no debris is obstructing the movement.
- **Tire does not fit:** Verify that your tire's bolt pattern matches one of the compatible patterns (4-lug x 4", 5-lug x 4.5"/4.75"/5", or 6-lug x 5.5").

For further assistance, please contact GADFISH customer support.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	GADFISH
Model Number	Fold-STM (GADFISH003)
Material	Metal
Color	Black
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	2 x 2 x 17 inches
Item Weight	8 Pounds
Load Capacity	Up to 150 Lbs
Compatible Bumper Size	Up to 3.6" x 6.2"
Compatible Bolt Patterns	4-lug x 4", 5-lug x 4.5"/4.75"/5", 6-lug x 5.5"
Finish Type	Powder Coated

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The GADFISH Elevated Folding Spare Tire Carrier Mount comes with an 18-month warranty (or 1 year as per manufacturer specifications). All products undergo strict testing before leaving the factory.

If you have any questions during installation, operation, or require support, please do not hesitate to contact GADFISH customer service. We are committed to providing a satisfactory solution.

